



PRESS RELEASE

SERVIZI ITALIA: The Board of Directors has approved the request to pass to the STAR segment of Borsa Italiana.

The Board of Directors of Servizi Italia S.p.A. – a company listed on the Expandi Market of the Italian Stock Exchange and the leading operator in Italy in the sector of integrated services for the hire, cleaning and sterilization of linen and surgical instruments for hospitals – has decided to request the admission of the Company's shares in the STAR segment of the Italian *Mercato Telematico Azionario* (Italy's electronic equities market "MTA") organised and managed by Borsa Italiana S.p.A..

The passage to the STAR segment will meet the objectives of better share liquidity, greater transparency in the company's activities and governance aligned with the best international standards: in this regard, Servizi Italia had already adopted the Self-Regulatory Code of Listed Companies in matters of corporate governance at the time of its listing. The continuous trading of shares throughout the day will lead to a greater access to the shares by institutional investors, both in Italy and abroad.

Servizi Italia's Board of Directors will, in the next few weeks, call an extraordinary shareholders' meeting to approve the request for admission to the MTA's STAR segment and, at the same time, approve the request for the exclusion from trading on the Expandi Market, conferring the necessary proxies to management to carry out all the formal procedures.

Passage to the MTA's STAR segment is expected to take place around mid-2009, following Borsa Italiana S.p.A.'s acceptance of the request.

"Admission to STAR", commented Luciano Facchini, Chief Executive Officer of Servizi Italia S.p.A., "is a very important step forward for Servizi Italia, which we have been working towards since the IPO in 2007, as it will allow us to face the market with higher capitalisation, greater transparency - also abroad - and more liquidity".

"Our country, and the world's entire economy, is currently going through a recession" adds Facchini, "but Servizi Italia's performance does not reflect the current economic cycle nor is it feeling a reduction in consumption, which confirm the positive forecasts as at the closure of the 2008 financial statements".

"Finally, as far as financial management is concerned, the Company has in place short- and medium-term credit lines at excellent terms and therefore is not feeling any of the negative consequences of the credit squeeze for financing both its day-to-day operations and all the investments already planned for its future development. Moreover, our business model, which is defined by high visibility of future income due to the long-term contracts which have been agreed, allows us to optimize production management and therefore improve profitability".



Servizi Italia S.p.A., a company with headquarters in Castellina di Soragna (PR), is listed on the Expandi market of Borsa Italiana S.p.A , and is the leading operator in Italy in the sector of integrated services for the hire, cleaning and sterilization of linens and surgical instruments for hospitals.

With its state-of-the-art production platform spread across 11 laundries, 6 linen sterilisation centres, 9 surgical instruments sterilisation centres and 110 warehouses, the Company, together with its subsidiaries in the Servizi Italia Group, operates mainly with public and private health agencies in central and northern Italy, offering a wide range of diversified services.

In 2007, Servizi Italia achieved a consolidated revenue of 143 million Euro (+5.8% over 2006), consolidated EBITDA of 41.8 million Euro (+8.2%) and a net profit of 6.6 million Euro (+56%).

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